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## ENGLAND READY FOR WAR

BUT SHE REEMS ALBRADY TO HAVE WON HER POINT IN CHINA.

Apparent Success of Her Demand for Open Mar kets-Hut the Struggle for Supremor at Pekin Goes On-China May Profit by the Bivalry of the Powers-The Vast Preparations for War That Rugiand Has Just Made. Special Cable Desputch to Tan Sun.

LONDON, Jan. 29 .- It is now pretty generally recognized that the Eastern crisis, as sugges ed in these despatches a week ago, had passed beyond the point of immediate danger befor the public was informed of its acute phase There is no longer much doubt that England's peremptory demand for open Chinese markets received what may be described as a tack and temporary recognition from the powers including Russia. The struggle for paramount influence at Pekin still goes on and upon the

issue of that contest much depends.

China, if she exercises her usual Oriental shrewdness, ought to profit much at the exose of British and Russian rivalry, and there is already evidence that she is fully alive to the sibilities of the situation. The game of the for the time being, but if Lord Salisbury succeeds in regaining the ascendancy at Pekis which he allowed to allp away to Russia three years ago, it will be only at enormous cost. Meantime more complete date. Meantime more complete details of the vast preparations for war undertaken by the British Government are now available. Inasmuch as the crisis is only postponed, and at any mo-ment may become acute, it will be interesting to indicate some of the measures recently undertaken.

First, there were the preparations for calling out the Naval Reserve; second, mobilisation orders were sent to the commanders of the home naval stations, followed by similar orders to commanders of stations abroad; third, the cou eletion of plans for the prompt organization of flying squadron, which was to consist of no less than ten warships; fourth, the decision to increase the personnel of the navy by more 7,000 men, which is now being carried out by the quiet enlistment of stokers and other of men; fifth, the increase of the arms by 15,000 men; sixth, enormous purchases of and a general replenishment of stocks at all stations at home and abroad; sev enth, the elaboration of a plan for an emer gency squadron composed mainly of battleships more or less obsolete and old-fashioned, but effective for home defence.

The last measure, decided upon this week

attracted little attention here, although it is not the least significant of the series, because it indicates the probability that England's foes, in the event of war, will include France. Of the hips included in the em soundron, not a half dozen could safely be sen far from the home base, and, as a matter of fact, most of them would be assigned to specific positions in the waters separating England from the Continent.

The British flost in Chinese waters has been augmented since the trouble began by two powerful cruisers and two torpede boat destroyers. Other steps have been taken, one of which escaped notice, even by rumor, namely, the despatch of orders to the commander of the Australian squadron to hold in readiness for China the four cruisers Mohawk, Orlando, Pylades, and Royalist. The defence of Australia was to be undertaken by a half dozen small vessels, together with five small cruisers, a part of the cost of which is defrayed by the colonial Governments on condition that they shall always be kept in colonial waters. This arrangement was considered safe because it wa not thought that France, for instance, would be nt was considered safe because it was able to spare a single ship for those remote waters, and if any were sent, they would not be able to keep the sea any length of time, owing to the impossibility of getting coal.

report that the Pacific fleet was or dered to China was only partly true. The whole fleet was not, of course, to be spared, but the second-class cruisers Amphion, Leander, and Phaeton are now under orders to be ready to start. Further enormous contracts for sup-plies of steam coal have been placed in the past fortnight at Cardiff and other South Wales ports. There has also been a large amount of speculative buying in connection with the posibilities of war.

Simultaneously the north England coal trade has suffered depression, the only boom Welsh smokeless coal, on account of its advantages, which in war time are obvious Welsh coal masters have the idea that if Eng land goes to war no pritish mercantile vesse will venture to put to sea with the ordinary soft coal with which they are content in time of peace, for it is a modern axiom that the less moke the more safety.

It is believed by some optimistic diplomatis that the easing of the crisis in the far East be tween Great Britain and Russia will have avorable effect upon the near Eastern dead and perhaps make it possible to settle the in terminable Cretan question. These persons are not hopeless that Prince George will soon be established in the Governorship of the un happy island, despite the Sultan's protests.

# ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

The Terms of the Agreement They Mave Mad-Concerning China.

BERLIN, Jan. 29 .- The Tageblatt reports that

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUS.

according to the terms of an agreement that has been concluded between Great Britain and Russia the former withdraws her de mand that Talienwan be made a free port, and Russia ceases her opposition to British control over the customs collected by China on sea borne importa.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH. If England Loose Her Great Commerce Sh Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 29.-It has long been the cus tom of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to attend the annual dinner of the Birmingham Jewellers' Associa tion at the end of January and to review the previous year and give a forecast of the Parlia nentary session. The dinner took place to night and Mr. Chamberiain made his speech He sharply rebuked both the preposterous claims of trades unionism, which the engineers' strike had failed to secure, and the wan of initiative and energy which now afflicts Britlah manufacturers. He said:

"We are a great nation because we have s "We are a great nation because we have a great commerce. Once that falls England will sink to the position of a fifth-rate power. Her position has recently been threatened both from within and without. The danger within is the spathy and indifference of our merchants. "Moreover, our workmen must do their individual best and not bring down the general level to a minimum performance. The great danger without is the gradual closing up of markets which have once been open, and which are now being converted into preserves for particular nations. Our rivals are trying to bring that policy into effect."

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Continuing. Mr. Chamberlain said he did not advocate a grasping, aggressive policy. He did not wish to see the Chinese Empire broken up, but merely asked that British rights and the rights of every one else be respected. Referring to the legislation proposed during the coming session of Parliament, Mr. Chamberlain mentioned the Irish Local Government bill. He said it was also proposed to create separate municipalities inside London for the great centres of population having common local interests. The military programme would consist of strengthening the small army and improving the condition of the soldier.

## SCHENE'S DISCOVERY MACNIFIED.

Found Only How to Correct Nature in Certain Conto-Hundreds of Women Who Bestro Sons. Special Cable Desputch to THE SUR.

LONDON, Jan. 29.-It can easily be believed that Dr. Schenk's complaint that his life has been made miserable since the announcement that he had discovered the secret of sex is purfeetly true. He denies a multitude of interviews credited to him, and now gives a very modest version of his alleged discovery. He

"I believe that after long research I can to s certain extent correct nature in the case of a woman who has become the mother of five or aix girls in succession. I informed my pupils of my observations, the matter was noised abroad, and the newspapers hastily concluded that a great discovery had been made.

"Such is not the case. I believe I am able to correct nature in certain exceptional cases. That is all. My researches will form the subject of a communication to different academies of medicine, but I do not expect to make this report for a year yet, as my work is not completed."

Dr. Schenk receives hundreds of letters daily from women in all parts of the world. Curiously enough, he says, every one wishes a son and not one a daughter.

#### MUMMIES AT AUCTION.

Ptolomy II. and Other Ancient Potentates to Come Under the Hammer.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR.

LONDON, Jan. 29 .- A wonderful collection of corpses will be sold at auction in London on Monday. The authentic remains of Ptolemy II. Philadelphus, King of Egypt; Antiochus Soter. King of Syria, and Alpina, wife of Sciencus, Queen of Babylon, will come under the hammer. These distinguished remains were imported from Egypt thirty-five years ago, and sketches of the hieroglyphics taken from the tombs were brought with them, but are now lost. However, two letters go with this imperial "Lot No. 232" In the catalogue, certifying to the genuineness of the mummles. One letter is from Dr. Birch of the British Museum, and the other from Prof. Bonomi. The latter says that he considers them so valuable that they ought not to be allowed to leave the country. The owner wanted \$5,000 for the three.

For any democratic collector who holds one mummy to be as good as another there are two rolled Reyptian mummies in coffins just as they were found. They have no pedigree, and in this respect the levelling power of death is shown by "Lot 237," which, though it consists of an antique Egyptian mummy in a fine, decorated case, is as yet nameless.

The mummy of a Peruvian woman is also to be bid for as well as some Egyptian second-hand coffins.

NEW USE FOR ROBSTGEN BAYS.

Their Benedicial Differs on Animals Secondated
(1th Compleming Serve),
Special Cable Despairs to Tan Sus.
BERLIN, Jan. 29.—Dr. Muham has made a reort on the beneficial action of the Roentgen rays on animals which have been inoculated with tubercula. When the rays were not applied the animals died within a few days of the time they were inoculated. When the rays were applied they lived a couple of months.

It is not considered admissible, however, to deduce from these experiments hopes for human eings suffering with consumption.

The Berlin authorities have received discouraging reports concerning Prof. Koch's new tuber culin. Prof. Levden, after nine months' persistent trial, did not obtain better results than from nausl methods of treatment. Prof. H who experimented with animals, was unable to secure immunity, despite long applications and

# DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE.

Poking Fun at the Attaches of Our Legation Who Took Befuge in It.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. LONDON Jan 29 - The final dismissal of the case against the two attaches of the American Embassy who rode bicycles on a footpath has provoked a great amount of sarcastic comment om the English press this week, and the cartoonists naturally find it a delightful subject. It is safe to say that no American attaché caught violating the police regulations will again venture to appeal to diplomatic privilege in order to escape the proper penalty.

It seems that it is by no means infrequent for

the authorities to encounter embarrassment of this kind. The most extreme case is that of certain attaché who claimed diplomatic privilege in behalf of his dog, which refused to wear a muzzle. The Go ernment yielded and quashed the proceedings, but with the result that the Foreign Office addressed a courteous note to all the embassies drawing attention to the object of the muzzling order in the politest terms, and taking it for granted that the members of the diplomatic staff would be glad to assist the authorities in carrying out what is purely a sanitary measure.

# DEPICTED BY ROMANS.

scavery of a Painting Which Shows Preparations for the Crucifizion.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ROME, Jan. 29 .- Signor Marucci, an arche ologist, has discovered an imposing wall paint ing in the Palace of Tiberius. There is a long Latin inscription containing the name "Christus," and it is considered that the painting will prove an important addition to Christian history. Signor Marucci to-day told the correspondent of THE SUN that the painting represents the preparation for the Crucifixion. Around the cross are soldiers bearing ladders, and under each soldier is written his name. Among the

neasure fifteen centimetres in height. The inscription consists of fifteen lines, of which five have been deciphered.

The Pope was immediately informed of the discovery. Signor Marucci will shortly publish pamphlet illustrating his discovery. Many institutions have asked for information concern-

names is that of Pontius Pilate. The figures

ing the painting. KILLING MILLIONS OF LOCUSTS.

#### Success of Experimental Efforts in South Africa to Abate the Plugue.

Special Cubie Despatch to THE BUN. LONDON, Jan. 29.-Important experiments dealing with a plague of locusts are reported from South Africa. Mr. Edington, director of the Bacteriological Institute of the Cape Town Government, has succeeded in destroying milone of insects by inoculating a few and turning them loose.

He makes a sort of toxin by grinding up the bodies of locusts which have perished ease. The resulting powder is mixed with water and smeared over the bodies of a few hundred locusts which are released. The discase soon spreads and the swarm all perishes.

The Tulk of the Town. 

## DAGO GOES TO DAVY JONES

CREW WORKED FURIOUSLY FOR THEIR LIVES ABOARD HER.

kipper Wouldn't Abandon Her to Come in or the Manttoba, but Was Mighty Glad to Let Mer Go After Five Days More in the Shadow of Beath-Aller Brought In All Hands

The dock rats of every Yankee and English port she visited looked at the name on her bows and laughed in derision. It is a queer name even for a British sea nomad. It is said that was unaffected by a spirit of irony, was really serious shipmaster of Sunderland. The name s Dago, and the fishes are the only creatures that see it now, for the ship lies many fathous under the lane of the liners, 600 miles east of

She sailed from Leith with water ballast on Dec. 31, bound for Baltimore for a cargo. I'er skipper, Capt. William Scroggie and his crew of twenty-two men, arrived here yesterday on the North German Lloyd steamship Aller, and told how they were forced to give up their ship.

It was heavy weather from the first. The propeller churned the air almost as much as it did the seas that eddied and swirled under the Dago's counter. She plunged and rolled and floundered, racketing more things than her rivets loose. On Jan. 8 there was a screeching of steam below, and the engine and stoke holds filled with vapor. Engineer George C. Gutcher and his assistants found that the main steam pipe, supplying power to the engines, was checked near its connection with the boiler. The engineers fashioned a band of scrap from and clamped it around the pipe, covering the fracture. The steam still escaped, but enough got into the engines to give the ship three guarters speed.

There was no let up in the blast and the seas were loftler than ever. At times the little tra., p ost beadway and fell into the trough, rolling as f she were going to jump her funnel out. The fracture in the steam pipe spread on Jan. 11 and also the ship began leaking forward. The steam pumps were set going, and the race between the ncoming sea and the pumps was about an even thing. The engineers kept doctoring the fracture of the steam pipe, which kept spreading The ship was rearing and diving in great comb ers, with just enough steam power to keep her

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On Jan, 19 there was a crash near the port coal bunkers that made the ship tremble as if she had hit a rock. The bottom of the bunkers had fallen out, letting a dozen or more tons of coal into the ship's bliges. The coal cheked the pumps, and the water came up and put out the fires under the bollers.

Hand pumps were rigged in a hurry. The engineers and firemen lowered themselves through manholes into the bliges, while the rest of the ship's company toiled at the hand pumps and bailed with buckets. After many hours' hard work on the part of the men in the bliges the bottom of the pumps was cleared of coal. The engineers and firemen did most of their work under water. They dived in the hold and tore the coal away from the pumps with their hands. There was enough steam in the boliers to start the steam pumps again. The water was got down enough to let the firemen start the fire again by pouring oil into the furnace.

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The pumps got choked again next day, and the men went down into the hold again and worked under water, clearing away the coal. The steam pumps resumed their work; the fires in the furnace, fed with oil, blazed once more, and the Dago went ahead at a two-knot rate.

This was on Saturday, Jan. 22, when the Atlantic Transport liner Manitoba passed the crippled tramp. The weather had moderated, and Capt, Scroggie thought that he could keep affoat a week or so. He asked the Manitoba to tow him, The Manitoba answerat, that his would take off the Dago's creek, the bring a massenger ship, was not in the towing business. Capt, Scroggie high not want to be taken of just them. The heart and a great blow came out of the west, sending by sens slambanging and thumping against the Dago's battered iron bull. The pumps got clocked again, the water rose and put out the fires, and the ship was blown into the trough, scooping up fons and tons of water that helped to swell the swashing tide below decks. Thereafter only the hand pumps and buckets were used to keep the Dago affoat. The water gained steadily, It was waist deep in the engine room, when at 5 o'clock on Thursday morning the men saw to the eastward through the darkness and the snow the lights of a liner. She was the Aller. Flare lights were burned from the Dago's bridge and rockets sent whizing across the gloon.

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Chief Officer Malchow of the Aller saw the signals of the Dago and notified Capt. Nierich. The Aller slowed down and waited for daylight, which revealed flags flying from the Dago's rigging, saying in the language of the sea code. "We are sinking." The Aller set signals that asked the Dago's crew to leave their ship. They tried to do so in her nort lifeboat. It was amashed against her sides. The tramp had heeled over at an angle of forty-five degrees, and it was impossible to launch the lifeboat on the starboard side. The wind had gone down to a fresh breeze, but there was a dangerous swell. The Aller launched a lifeboat with eight men in command of Fourth Officer E. Zander. The men of the Dago dropped into the lifeboat from a rope suspended from the bridge of the tramp, which jutted out from the port side like the arm of a derrick. The lifeboat made three trips to the Dago. As each boat load of the rescued came alongside of the Aller her passengers gave them a rousing cheer. Later the passengers made up a purse of about \$1,300 for the refugees. They lost everything except the "clothes they stood in." Most of them had no hate, and the men of the Aller handed over their old ones, with the word "Aller" across the fronts. Capt. Scroggie says he believes the Dago went down a few hours after she was abandoned. She measured 1,259 tons and halled from Sunderland. She was twenty years old.

# LOST HER PROPELLER.

The Balmeral Towed Into Walifax by Steamer Only Half Her Size.

HALIFAX, Jan. 29.-The British steamer Balmoral, Capt. McRitchie, which left London on Jan. 11 for Philadelphia with 1,000 tons of co ment and chalk, was towed into port this after noon by the steamer Sir Walter Raleigh, with propeller gone and shaft damaged. The Balnoral experienced heavy weather. Her cargo was small, which made her less able to weather the gales. Fourteen days after leaving London the Balmoral experienced the last of a success sion of flerce storms, in which her propeller was

sion of flerce storms, in which her propeller was carried away and her tail shaft broken. She was 110 miles south of Sable Island and found herself drifting helplessly.

After one day in this condition, on Jan. 25, the Sir Walter Raleigh, Capt. Jones, bound from Ayer, Scotland, in ballast to Savannah, hove in sight. The Captain of the Balmoral signalled to the Raleigh to take him in tow. It was coming on dark a heavy gale was blowing, there was a tremendous sea, and Capt. Jones declined to render the assistance asked. A second request was made. To this Capt. Jones replied that he would stand by till morning and if the weather moderated he would take the vessel in tow.

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The storm became worse that night, with thick snow, but in the morning the wind went down considerably and the two steamers were still in sight of each other. Lines were sent out and the Sir Walter Raleigh, which is only half the size of the Balmoral, started to tow the helpless steamer to this port. The steamers were at this time 265 miles from Halifax. The weather continued heavy, not more than two to four knots an hour could be made, and there was great risk that the vessels would part. But they managed the work, and at 4 P. M. to-day the Raleigh steamed into the harbor with her prize in tow. She will proceed to Savannah to-morrow.

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The Sir Walier Raleigh is a schooner-rigged steamer of 1, 193 tons net and halls from Plymouth. The Balmoral is a steel screw steamer, schooner rigged, owned by Roeburn & Verel of Glasgow. She is 3,390 tons gross and 2,550 net, worth \$250,000, and will bring a good slice of salvage to the owners and crew of the Sir Walter Raleigh.

# A BISMARCK IN A DURL.

Count William Wounds Br. Maubach, with Whom He Had Had a Quarrel.

Special Cable Despaich to THE SUS. BERLIN, Jan. 29 .- A despatch to the Tageblatt from Koenigsberg says that Count William Bisnarck has fought a duct with Dr. Maubach, who is an official in the province of which Count William Bismarck is President. The trouble arose out of personal reasons. Dr. Maubaci was wounded in the arm.

E. & W. E. & W. B. & W. Ask your haberdanker for our "Topoka" collar and "Earlawood" cuff; both have rounded points.—4dm

HARD-HEARTED PATRER YIELDED. A 19-Year-Old Bridegroom Gots His 15-Year

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 29.-Hugh F. Ewing, the 19-year-old bridegroom, who went into court yesterday on habeas corpus proceedings to get possession of his 15-year-old bride, who up to Jan. 2 was Miss Marietta Gwaltney, won his When court opened the courtroom was crowded with spectators.

Lawyer Clark of counsel for Col.'J. T. Gwaltney, father of the bride, addressed the court and saked permission to withdraw the case and strike it from the docket. The women in court The wealthy cattle king, who, with his fam

ily, lives in a palatial home in the suburhs of Oak Cliff, was forced to surrender by his wife. Oak Cliff, was forced to surrender by his wife. When she saw the determined front young Ewing put up against her husband in court restorday, she felt that she must forgive him and her daughter for their elopement from the Oak Cliff Female College on Jan. 2. She declared she would not be a party to prosecuting him for having sworn that the girl was 18 years old when he procured the marriage license. The girl bride also declared she would stick by her husband. Finally, about noon to-day, Col. Gwaltney sent for young Ewing and gave into his keeping the wife he had deprived him of for nearly a month. He also presented the young couple with \$2.000 to pay the expense of a bridal tour. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing left to-night for the North.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Col. H. F. Ewing, who for years was one of the best known clitzens of Dallas. He and his wife died several years ago, leaving the boy considerable property, which he will get when he becomes of age. The bride has \$50,000 in her own right, which she will get ween she reaches the age of 18. Her father is one of the wealthlest cattle men in Texas.

#### NEW MONSTER IN OHIO. Legislators Find a Gaseline Stove Trust, Pretreted by Pederal Patents.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 29 .- A new trust was found to-day by the Senate committee appoint ed by the State Legislature to investigate trusts. The new trust is composed of the gase line stove manufacturers of the country. Taking advantage of a Federal statute, they have formed an association which absolutely fixes the price of gasoline stoves. It is known as the Union Vapor Stove Company. Its head offices are in Cleveland, and it is incorporated under the Ohio statutes.

Attorney Horr appeared for the company and and incorporated under the Ohio laws to acand incorporated under the Ohlo laws to acquire all the letters patent covering the devices that were used by the different vapor stove manufacturers. He said it was called the Union Vapor Stove Company, All the letters patent were secured. The Union Company then gave the individual companies authority to use certain devices, with agreement that they should charge certain fixed amounts for their products.

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"The Union Vapor Stove Company, is, then, under the protection of the Federal statutest" asked Attorney-General Monnett.

"Yes," was the reply.

"Here is a trust relying on the protection of the Government to do business. We will look into that," said Attorney-General Monnett.

Before the Senate committee adjourned Saturday noon a motion was made and carried that the names of all witnesses who had been served personally and had falled to appear be reported to the Senate for action. The Senate may punish them for contempt. The members of the committee left town at noon.

#### CORPORATIONS BROUGHT TO BOOK. Grand Jury of One County to Mentucky Indicts

19 1-Associated Press One of Them. FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 29 .- The Franklin County Grand Jury this afternoon made a report filing 121 indictments against the chief corporations doing business in this State for fallby to reach the suchery of State in order that a franchise tax may be assessed against them by the State Board of Valuation and Assessment. The indictments are returned under a long statement of the statute and failure to comply therewith. The penalty for such each day the corporations have failed. Not one of the corporations indicted has reported since 1893, or since the Corporation law came into effect.

effect.

Attorney-General Taylor has secured judgments against many similar corporations on like suits. Among the corporations indicted are the Associated Press, the Western Union Telegraph Company, American and Adams Express companies, Louisville Bridge, Water, Gas, and street railway companies: similar companies in Covington, Newport, Lexington, Frankfort, Paducah, and Owensbore; warehouse companies; electric light companies in house companies; electric light companies in Ashland, Frankfort, Paris, Lexington, Carlisle, Owingsville, Owensboro, Richmond, Marsville, Hopkinsville, Paducah, and Harrodsburg: American telephone companies, Bell Electric Line Company. Lexington's various big distillery companies and smaller corporations.

#### SNOW MAKES THE ESKIMOS HAPPY. Joy Among the Three Desirons of the North

Now Sejourning at Bellevue. Frosty weather and a two-inch fall of spoy yesterday morning brought joy to 'he hearts of the three Eskimos now under treatment at Bellevue Hospital. When Anghu, the little girl, ran to the window and saw the white round, the snow-laden trees and the ghost-like roofs of the hospital buildings, her eyes flashed with excitement. She aroused her old uncle, Kushan, and her aunt, Whuhu, who went with

her to the window and gazed toward the East River, chattering like magples. They begged Dr. Daley to allow them to go out and walk around in the snow. The doctor refused, whereupon the Eskimos began to sulk and for a time they would speak to no one. Later, however. Kushan brightened up and proposed a scheme, which, if it were carried out, would make Bellevue a Mecca for sightseera. He wanted to build a conical snow hut, such as is seen in his own country, on the hospital campus and live in it during the remainder of his solourn at the hospital. This request was also refused.

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"Ob, if we only had our sledges and our good dogs, how I would fly over the ground!" exclaimed Anghu.

Her aunt reproved her gently. "You will be asking for wairus flesh next," she said.

#### BETTER THAN TAKING CITY HALL. Commissioner Hubbell Paraphrases an 614 Proverb.

Charles Bulkley Hubbell, President of the Board of Education, was one of the invited guests of the Alumni of the school of pedagogy of the New York University at their an qual dinner last night, and delivered a speech advocating the elevation of the profession of eaching to the standard of the professions of

teaching to the standard of the professions of law and medicine. He referred to his encounter with Mayor Van Wyck at the session of the Board of Es imate, at which the School Board's demands were considered by the Mayor.

"That experience." Mr. Hubbell said, "reminded me that there is a great deal of truth in the scriptural saying, slightly changed, that "he that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh the City Hall." There was considerable laughter and appliause at this sally at the Mayor's expense. Chancellor MacCracken of the university also spoke. Prof. Buckner and Welr of Yale were present. Dr. Langdon Thompson, dean of the faculty, presided at the dinner.

# WIFE MURDER AND SUICIDE

forman Vroeman Kills His Wife, from Whom He

Was Separated, and Then Shoots Himself. COBLESKILL, N. Y., Jan. 29,-Mrs. Norman Vrooman was shot and killed by her husband this morning. Vrooman afterward shot him-self at the home of his parents and is not expected to live. Domestic troubles were at the bottom of the tragedy. Vrooman lives at Sharon bottom of the tragedy. Vrooman lives at Sharon Hill, seven miles north of here. A fow days ago he and his wife quarrelled and they agreed to separate. Mrs. Vrooman came here and was stopping at the home of Harry B. Bellinger. This morning Vrooman drove up to the rear of the house and met his wife coming out of the woodshed. He fired two shois at her, both bullets tasing effect. One entered her left breast and the other the right side of her back. She died a quarter of an hour afterward. Vrooman immediately drove away and sought his own life. He came to Sharon last fall from Gloversville and worked out by the day as a farm laborer.

Books at Export Prices; Hale Co.

DR. JOHN. HALL'S SESSION.

REPORTS THAT SIX HAVE DETER-MINED TO BESIGN.

John Sleave and Malcolm Graham Amon Them-Congregation's Recall of Its Paster Taken as a Vote of Want of Couffdence to the Session-The Trustees Disturbed, Too.

Talk of resignations to be forthcoming from

the session and trustees of the Fifth Avenue

Presbyterian Church follows close upon Dr. Hall's withdrawal of his resignation of the detorate, which withdrawal he appropried from the pulpit last Sunday. The session had a regular meeting last Thursday night and took certain action, either formally or informally, to ascertain whether it was not possible to per-suade Dr. Hall to alter his withdrawal of his esignation and put it into the form of setting definite term on his continuance in the pastorate. A special meeting of the session was held at 9 o'clock yester day morning, after Dr. Hall had been sounded on the question. As a result of what was then represented to be Dr. Hall's attitude was said that several members of the ession have said that they will resign. Among those who are mentioned as having impressed those who have talked with them with their determination to take some such step are Malcolm Graham and John Sloane. Six in all, it is rumored through the congregation, will re sign before the end of the week. The rumors mention Alexander Maitland as one of these and Silas B. Brownell, the stated clerk, as an other. None of these men has as yet resigned The session has not had a meeting at which their resignations could be considered, and, so cording to the strict precept of the Presbyterian rocedure, an elder cannot be said to have resigned until the session has received his

There was a meeting of the trustees on Friday norning, and sentiments were expressed in this body also which showed a state of mind very much like that existing in the session.

One or two of those present spoke out their minds so strongly that some of those who heard them cannot well see how they can remain members of the Board of Trustees unless Dr. Hall's attitude should chang materially to meet their views. It is renerally understood that the session felt that the unanimous vote of the congregation ask ing Dr. Hall to withdraw his resignation

the unanimous vote of the congregation asking Dr. Hall to withdraw his resignation was practically a vote of lack of confidence in the session which had previously accepted the resignation; that the congregation had thereby taken management of the affairs out of the hands of the session, and the session wished it understood that it appreciated the situation and was ready to get out.

The session for 1897 consisted of William L. Skidmore, John Sinclair, Malcolm Graham, William Campbell. John Sloane, Ewen McIntyre, George Hunter Brown, Slias B. Brownell, Robert Beggs, Henry L. Smith, John J. McCook, H. Edwards Rowland, Henry B. Barnes, Alexander Maitiand, John Inglis, James R. Jesup, and E. Francis Hyde, Mr. Brownell was stated clerk and Mr. Sloane Treasurer. Among the trusteen are John S. Kennedy, E. Francis Hyde, Francis Forbes, Robert H. Robertson, John P. Duncan, Horace E. Garth, and George G. Wheelock, M. D. One who, though not a member of the session, is very clearly informed as to the sentiment of those making up that body in the Church, thus explains the generally accepted belief that Elders Graham, Bloane, and others are about to retire from the session:

"The whole matter is not to be judged from the point of view of one outside the Church who looks ou the events of the past few weeks as a modern student would regard the late war between Japan and China, with utterly dispassionate interest, but he was seen, who are humin beings and save feelings that can be hurt just as much as anybody else's. They are men, too, most of them, who are accustomed to the management of affaire, and who have proved their business exactly and judgment in the various walks in life in which they have become prominent. They have indertaken to manage the affairs of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church very much as a board of bank directors would have undertaken to manage a bank. They have felt that the church is not as prosperous under Dr. Hall's pastorate as was necessary for its continuing in the important place it holds in the

icled over and over again in the newspapers during the last three weeks. On Wednesday, ten days ago, the congregation rose in its might, told the session that it had acted unwisely and altogether wrongly, and demanded of Dr. Hall that he stay where he was.

"The session are perfectly confident that coming events will show their wisdom, but since the congregation has by formal resolution and by private personal criticisms innumerable expressed its dissatisfaction with their services they feel that it is now their turn to offer to get out, and if the congregation feels that there has been another misunderstanding, why, of course, it will be a very easy matter to have another misunderstanding, why, of course, it will be a very easy matter to have another misunderstanding, why, of course, it will be a very easy matter to have another mass meeting and ask them, too, to withdraw their resignations; but it is an open question whether they will ever again be willing to accept posts of responsibility in the government of the church. It is quite well understood in the congregation that Mr. John S. Kennedy, who was elected a member of the Board of Trustees last December, in place of Mr. Robert Bonner, under the condition that Mr. Bonner must retire for a year after his three years' term before he can be elected again, will leave the church altogether. Mr. Kennedy has not been a regular attendant at all the services recently, and it is generally understood among those who know him well that he has decided to attach himself permanently to the Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke's congregation at the Brick Church."

A Sun reporter called at the bomes of Mr. Graham, Mr. Sioane, and Mr. Brownell last night. None of them would say anything at all regarding the matter of their resignations; in fact, they all made practically the same reply. "The people," they said, "who have told you these things are the people who ought to talk shout them." But they were very careful not to say that they would not research.

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Mr. Bonner, who has been very actively interested in the negotiations regarding Dr. Hall's resignation, said last night that he had been out in the country all day, and had not heard that the session or any members of the session had any intention to resign. "But." he said, "I think I know them well enough to say that if any one man resigns several of them will act together. I do not care to mention any names."

# 148 NNAKES.

All Found by Excavators at Their Winter Resert, Ulmer Park.

White a gang of Nassau Railroad workmen were at work with shovel and pick tearing down the old trolley poles at Ulmer Park on Thursday, William Snack, one of the men, leaped up ith a yell that startled all the others. "Holy Moses, there's a non constrictor!" he

He pointed in agitation at the head of a snake that protruded a foot from the earth he had just broken with his pick. It was at the base of

broken with his pick. It was at the base of some rocks that the men had been digging away. They broke mere of the ground and unearthed a blacksnake three feet long. It was motionless in winter torpor.

The more earth the men dug after that the more snakes they uncovered. They had come by chance upon a nest of the reptiles, and in a half an hour they gathered in the entire nest, numbering 148, ranging in size from six inches to three feet. The workmen got two old champagne boxes from the hotel in Ulmer Park and stored the snakes in them. Now they are waiting for bids from dime museum proprietors on the lot.

George F. Spinney Buys the St. Paul Globe. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 29.-The St. Paul Globe, formerly owned by the late Central American Minister, Louis Baker, has changed American Minister, Louis Baker, has changed bands again. Negotiations have been going on here for ten days, and the announcement of the deal is now definitely made. The purchaser of the paper is George F. Spinney of New York for a number of years associated with the New York Times. The probabilities are that the present policy of the paper will be continued. In other words, it will be a gold Democratorgan.

New service Paim Beach, via Florida East Coast Rallway, in connection with New York and Florida Limited, Fennsylvania R. R., Southern Ry., and F. C. and F. Leave New York dully, except Sunday, 11:50 A. H. Two other fast trains. New York offices 871 and 250 Broadway.—Adu.

SPREADING RAILS CAUSE A WRECK. | GOMEZ SPURNS THE BRIBE Two Women Killed and Fifteen Persons Murt

BANGOR, Me., Jan. 29. - The Maine Central train which left here this afternoon at 3:45 o'clock for Vanceboro and St. John, was wrecked near the Orono station. Two persons were killed

and fifteen were injured. Of the injured three are likely to die before morning. The train was made up of a baggage sar, two ordinary cars, one Pullman car, and private car, containing President Wilson, wife, and party, on their way to St. John. When the train reached a curve near the Orono stathe cord was pulled to allow some State University students to get off. Immediately the baggage car left the rails and plunged topsy-turvy into a ditch. It was followed by the two ordinary coaches and the Pullman car, all rolling over twice. President Wilson's car was left on the rails intact.

Those taken out of the wreck who died an hour later were Miss Jennie S. Murray of Pittsfield, Me., on her way to St. Stephen's, and Mrs. D. Cunningham of Troy, Me. Miss Murray was burt in the Pullman car. Mr. Cunningham is not expected to survive.

Among the injured whose cases are regarded as critical are Tucker R. Thompson of Pittsburg, Pa., who is at the Eastern Maine General Hospital; Howard L. Maddox, a freshman in the Maine State University and Frank Atherton of Augusta.

The accident is supposed to have been caused by a sudden spreading of the rails owing to the veather, which has been from zero to 30° below for a week.

## PUMPS GOING SINCE OCTOBER. The Ship W. J. Rotch Finally Reaches San

Francisco from New York. San Francisco, Jan. 29 .- The American ship W. J. Rotch, 220 days from New York, reached here to-day with water pouring through her scuppers, forced from the hold by steam-pump ing gear which has not been idle since October. when she sprang a leak in a hurricane off Cape Horn. Her cargo was shifted and probably

badly damaged by salt water. The Rotch left New York on June 19 last with a miscellaneous cargo. When off Cape Hore she struck heavy weather and three times was forced to turn back. She ran into Tulca huano and repaired damages, but she soon after began to leak again.

#### WHO SHOT THIS YOUNG MAN? Dr. Donlin's Mysterious Visitor Mas a Bullet

A well-dressed man, about 25 years old, called at Coroners' Physician Donlin's office, 129 West Houston street, on Friday evening and asked arm. He said he had been shot accidentally. After examining the young man's arm Dr. Donlin advised him to go to the Hudson Street Hos

pital for treatment.

At the hospital the young man said he was George Lawson of 215 Clinton street. The ball was located between the bones of the forearm by means of an X-ray photograph and extracted by House Surgeon Labbe. Lawson then left the hospital, saying that he was going home to see his mother. He did not return, nor could he be found yesterday at 215 Clinton street.

COFFIN OVER THREE FEET WIDE. Burtal of Mrs. Mary E. Howard,

Weighed 619 Pounds. FLUSHING, L. I., Jan. 29,-Mrs. Mary E. Howard, who was buried in the Flushing cemetery this afternoon, weighed 412 pounds. She died at her residence, 152 Washington street. Wednesday night. She was only five three indices wide in the interior. It was impossible to take it into the parlor of the house, where the funeral was held, and it was placed in the hall. A part of the building had to be taken down in order to admit it. Mrs. Howard was 50 years old.

# ASKED FOR \$5,000,000

A Crank Frightens the Officials of the Colorade National Bank in Denver.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 29 .- Charles Heyn, men tally deranged, demanded \$5,000,000 from the cashler of the Colorado National Bank this morning. The man's manner indicated that he was a crank, and the officials were scared. The cashier told the man that he would have to get the amount from the vault, and leaving the window he telephoned for the police. Heyn had removed his coat and placed the contents of his pocke's on it in the centre of the floor when the police arrived.

# PRESIDENT DIAZ COMING.

He Intends to Visit the Principal Cities of This Country.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 29 .- President Diaz is preparing to make a visit to the United States. His itinerary is not yet completed, but he will visit, it is understood, all the principal cities, white the understood, and the principal cities, including St. Louis, Chicago, New York and Washington and the Pacific coast.

A train of three magnificent cars, ordered months ago from the Pullman Company, has reached this city and another will follow shortly. The Vice-President will assume the duties of Chief Executive during President Diax's ab-

## MANHATTAN'S NEW ENGINEER. George H. Pegram Resigns from the Union

OMAMA, Neb., Jan. 29.-George H. Pegram, chief engineer of the Union Pacific for many years, unexpectedly resigned to-day, and started for New York city to-night to accept the place of consulting engineer on the Manhattan ele vated road. It was formally offered to him last week while he was in New York. He has been called on frequently of late by that com-pany for consulting services. He constructed the St. Louis Central station and other large buildings in the West.

## FIRE IN THE BROOKLYN ACADEMY. An Overheated Furnace Ignites the Celling

Just before 7 o'clock last night & slight blaze was discovered in the basement of the Brooklyn Academy of Music. An overheated furnace had set fire to the woodwork of the ceiling.
The blaze was soon extinguished.
The damage was trifling. The incident did
not interfere in any way with the performance
of "The Geisha," which has been running in the
Academy for the past four nights.

# A Bridal Couple of 186 Years.

John Klinger, 70 years old, of 174 Hopkins evenue, Jersey City, and Catharine Wichtmann 66 years old, of 419 Palisade avenue were man ried on Wednesday by the Rev. Emil A. Meury. pastor of the Second Reformed Church. Th ceremony was performed in the paraonage in Sherman place. The bride wore a black satin gown. Both bride and groom had been married before. The couple went to Washington to spend their honeymoon.

# It Was 60-Year-Old Whiskey.

A man under the influence of liquor was knocked down by a cab while crossing Broadway at Thirty-ninth street last night. He was way at Inity-filling street last night. He wanot much hurt and was arrested. A search obis pockets brought forth a pint whiskey flask the label of which said that it was distilled it 1837. The flask was three-quarters full, and the prisoner didn't relish being separated from it. He gave a name not in the directory.

# POUGHEREPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 29 .- John Owens

A Pocketbook Found in a Horar's Hoof.

liveryman at Millerton, on Friday loaned a horse's hoofs were balled with snow, and when the liveryman knocked the snow out from one of the broken masses rolled a pocketbook con-taining \$11 and a small key. The liveryman still has the money, and if the owner does not call for it he will use it to buy the horse a warm blanket. sorse to a customer. When he returned the

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

INSULTED BY BLANCO, WHO IMAGE

INED HE COULD BUY HIM. He Dared to Offer the Great Cuban a Vessel to Take Him Away and All the Meney Hd

Wanted-Withering Rioquence of the Patrios

Leader in His Reply to the Spaniard, Who

Thought He Would Betray Caba for Gold. HAVANA, Jan. 29, via Key West.-The sudden departure of Gen. Blanco from El Jucaro to Manzanillo was caused by the following letter, which he received from Gen, Gomes in answer to his proposals of peace on the basis of au-

tonomy: "I am sadly convinced now of my mistake in addressing a letter to you asking your co-operation to reestablish peace and prosperity to Cuba and to Spain. My words were clear, and they were supported by the record of my whole life. They showed that I was inclined to ac cept negotiations for the independence of Cuba in the mutual interest of the island and of Spaine out never anything that could taint my name with dishonor or make me appear as betraying the noble cause of freedom to which I have de-

voted all my energies. "Instead of an approach from you in a fall and honorable sense, I have received your strange intimation of your desire to meet me for the purpose of personally notifying me of the following offers:

"That you are ready to place a steamer at my disposal at any part of the coast of Cuba I should deem to be best to transport me to any port outside of Cuba to which I may desire to go, and at the same time, ask for the expenses of my trip and maintenance of myself and family in a foreign land.

"I felt so much astounded when I learned all this, I felt so ashamed, more for you, Geng Blanco, than for myself, that in the first most ments I was benumbed, knowing not whether such heinous proposals could be a reality or nightmare.

"Have I reached my present age, fighting, as I have done for thirteen years in the field for the independence of Cuba, and for thirty years cherishing that ideal as the greatest in my life, only that you or any one should believe that, at the end of should believe that, at the my journey, I should cover myself with ignominy by accepting the base reward of money from a Spanish Captain-General for the cowardly abandonment of my army! Are you sane, Gen. Blanco ! Do you not remember that blow of a machete which the hand of a Spanish assassin inflicted at Punta Brava, near the spot where Maceo died, upon that soul of my soul, the young and brave Francisco Gomez ? Do you think I can forgive that I Have you ever been

a father ! Besides these considerations, which ought to have checked you in your shameful project, there is another that is no less clear. I am not in a position, Gen. Blanco, which requires that I should be looking for a steamer to take me from the island. You had better look for a steamer yourself, for of the two you need it the most. Up to the present day I am on the winner's side. I represent a revolution that is stronger than ever after three years of war. You represent Spain, weaker than ever, humiliated by the American Government, with only a limited time be-fore you in which to end this war. There is no pressure weighing upon me from abroad. The days to come are not sull of threat-enings for me, but they are full of hope; and furthermore, while your cause has prejudice and tradition as its only supports, the cause of Cuba has the full sympathy, the world over, of

every lover of justice and liberty." After reading this letter Blanco took the steamer to Manzanillo. It is learned that he has still great hopes that the insurgent General, Jesus Rabi, in Santiago de Cuba province, will accept the offers which Gomez has rejected in so dignified a manner. Upon what ground that hope is based cannot be known now, bus the fact is that the Spaniards in Havana are

eagerly expecting the surrender of Rabi. The man who more than all others influenced. Blanco to propose to bribe the Cuban leaders is a certain Juan Ramirez, now living at Havana, and a member of the Autonomist Junta, who made considerable money under Gen. Weyler's régime as a Spanish contractor. He was the man who arranged for the surrender of the spurious Cuban General and brother of President Maso, Juan Maso Parra. He spent \$100,000 on this project, the money having been previously de-posited in the local Bureau of Finances of Santa Ciara province. But even the most rabid supporters of Blanco declars that it was too much money to pay for the parade in a Spanish town of several hungry pacificos dressed in Cuban uniforms, and true inwardness of this transaction is known to

everybody on the island. The hopes of the Spaniards to end the war by bribing the Cubans in arms is based upon the fact that this was the method successfully used to overcome the insurrection in the Philippine

KILLED A BOY AND FLED. A Truck Driver Besponsible for the Beath of

Lester Partridge, 7 years old, whose parents live at 457 Broadway, Williamsburg, was killed on the sidewalk in front of his home yesterday by being struck by the tongue of a beer truck. The driver of the truck, to avoid a trolley can. instead of turning out to the right side of the street turned his team to the left. The front wheels caught in the down tracks and the truck was swung around with such force that the tongue struck the boy in the back and broke his neck. He died instantly. The driver of the truck, when the boy fell, lashed his team and truck, when drove away.

FATHER GESSNER MISSING. A Silver Jubilee of the Catholics at Elizabeth

ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 29,-The Rev. Martin Gessner, who for twenty-five years has been the officiating priest of St. Patrick's Roman Catholie parish in this city, left here yesterday, on the parish in this city, the here yearchay, to the eve of the silver jubilee of his ordination. Father Gessner's parishioners had raised a purse of 82,500 to present to him. It is said that he did not approve of this action, because the parish had already gone in debt for an expensive church building. The silver jubilee has been postponed.

Charles Walter Willey Found Dead.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 29,-Charles Walter Willey, who broke the trust will of his rich father, Amasa P. Willey, and gained \$120,000, and whose marital troubles have occupied the and whose marital troubles have occupied the courts at intervals for several years, was found dead this morning in his room at 1145 Mission street. The room was filled with gas, which was flowing from the jets. There is nothing to indicate that the young man committed saleide, His rather dissipated babits make it likely that he was negligent when he retired and failed to stop the flow of gas.

Will Mrs. Hetty Green Build the Road?

PERRY, Oklahoma, Jan. 29.-It is said here that Mrs. Hetty Green and her son, E. H. R. Green of Texas, will soon build a railroad Green of Texas, will soon build a failroad through Oklahoma. The road will connect with the Rock Island at Medford, Oklahoma, and the E. H. R. Green road at Sherman or Paris, Tex., a distance of 300 miles. This road will run through the best farming sections of Oklahoma, touch the coal fields of the Indian Territory, and in Texas make connection for the Guif.

Provident Mckinley's Vifty-fifth Rirthday. Washington, Jan. 29.—To-day was the fifty-fifth anniversary of the birth of President Mo-Kinley.

"Laura Licenc's Biography," Says a clergyman of Philadelphia, "should be in